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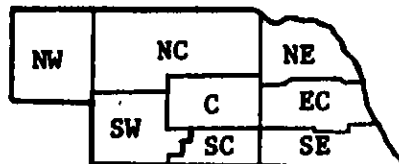
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WEATHER

The past week was very cold with scattered light snow at the beginning and end. Average temperatures ranged from 9 degrees below normal east to 20 degrees below normal west.

GENERAL

Weekly temperatures during January averaged near normal for the month, compared to a year ago when temperatures averaged four to ten degrees above normal. The average depth of snow as of January 31 was just under two inches. Amounts varied from one inch in the central and eastern districts to 3.5 inches in the south central district.

During January, many farmers and ranchers were busy feeding and caring for livestock, attending farm sales and participating in informational programs. Other chores included building fence and equipment repairs, purchasing supplies, bookkeeping, tax preparation and planning strategies for the coming year.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 39% fair, 60% good and 1% excellent, a decline in the crop's condition from the beginning of the month of 17% fair, 82% good and 1% excellent. Although no reports of winter kill have been received, subzero temperatures and areas of wheat left uncovered by icy winds have raised producers' concern about winter kill this year.

LIVESTOCK

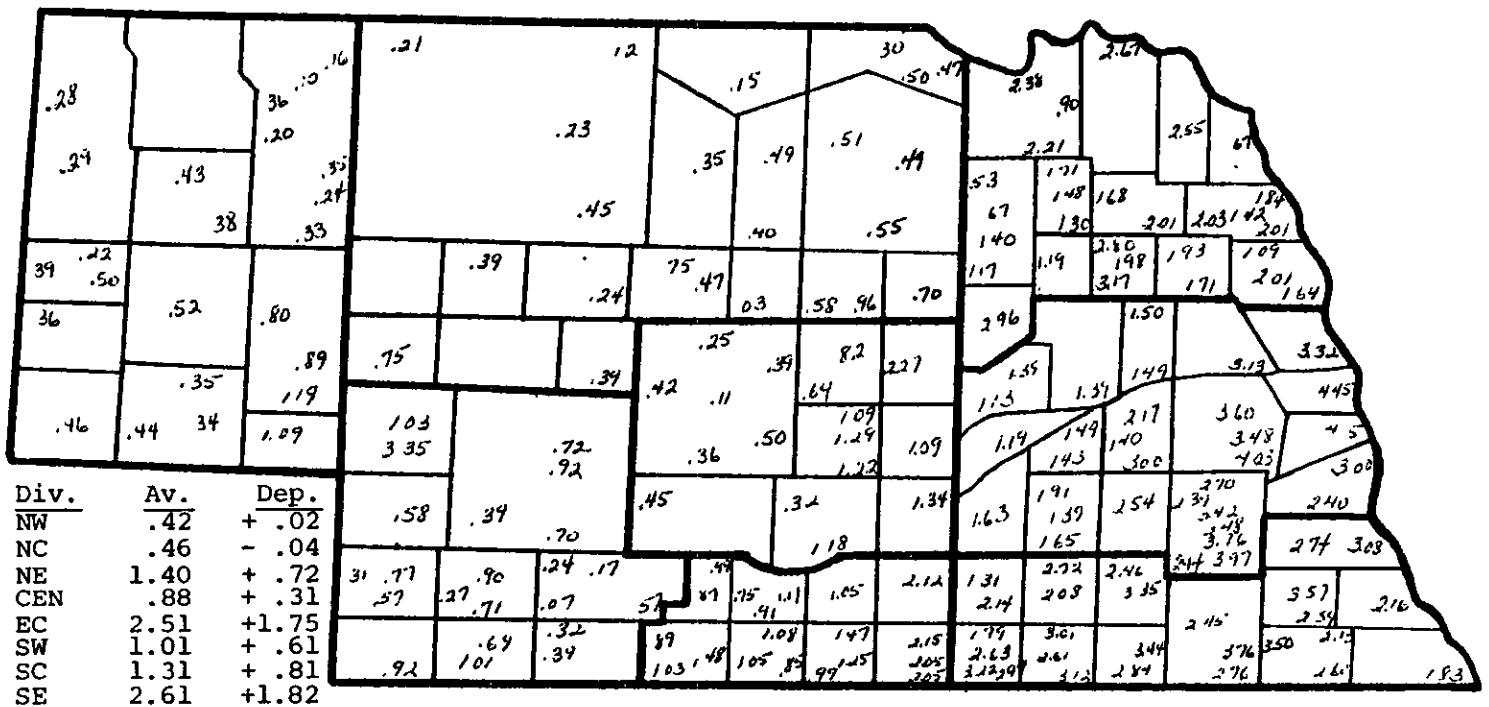
Limited snow cover in January made it possible for producers to leave cattle on corn and milo stalks throughout the month. Adequate grazing of crop residues reduced the demand for supplemental feeding during the month. As a result, current supplies of hay, forage and feed grains are adequate or above. Ranchers were kept busy as the season for calving and lambing began. Liquidation of some livestock continued in order to meet financial obligations.

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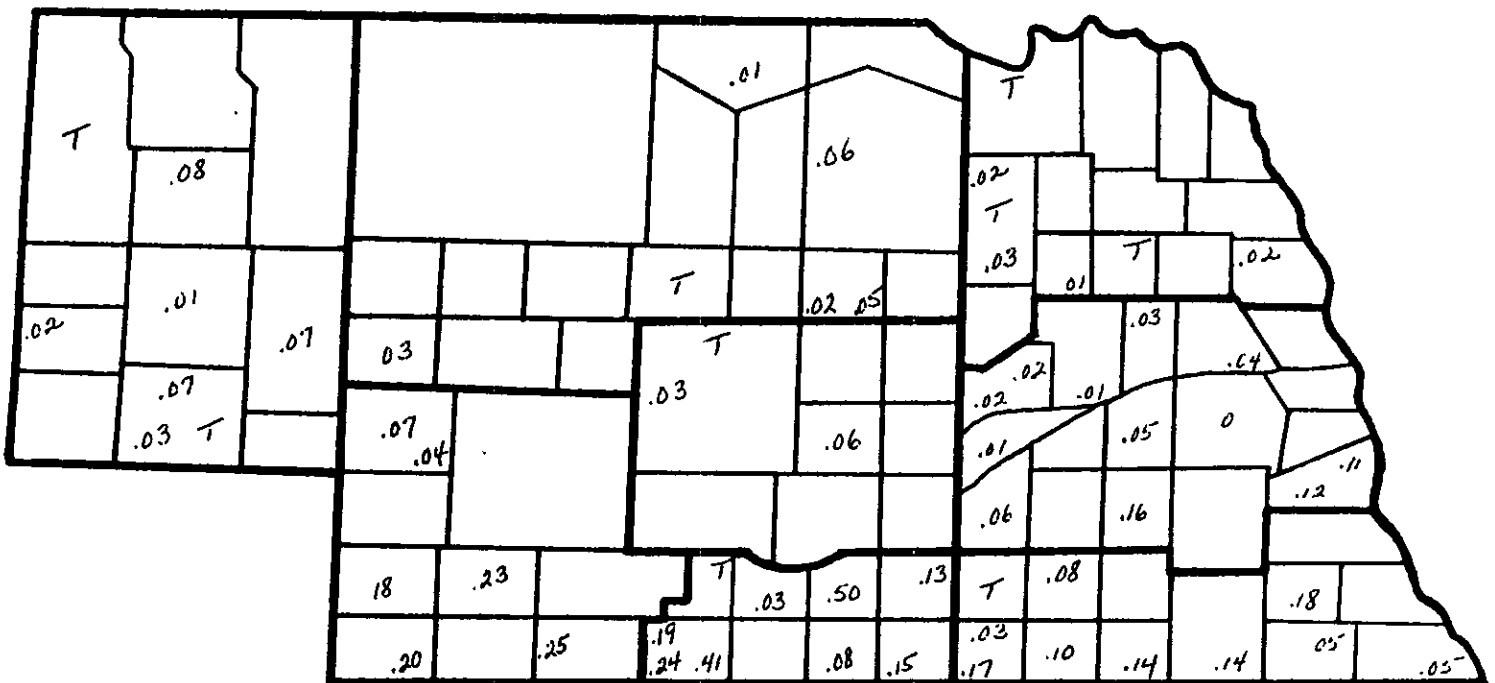
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1984 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	36	-23	2	--	.01
Scottsbluff	38	-17	6	-20	.01
Sidney	40	-22	6	--	.05
NC Ord	33	-15	8	--	.01
Valentine	33	-18	6	-14	.06
NE Norfolk	30	-15	8	-11	.05
Sioux City	31	-16	8	-10	.03
CEN Grand Island	33	-13	9	-14	.07
EC Lincoln	35	-13	10	-12	.03
Omaha	34	-15	11	-9	.04
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	39	-16	7	-16	.11

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.